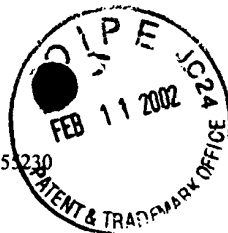


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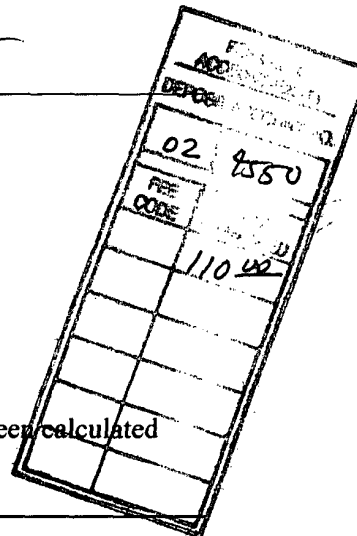
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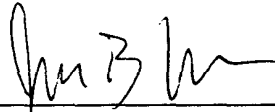
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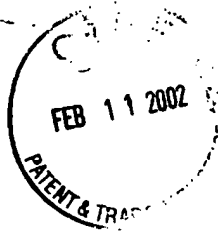
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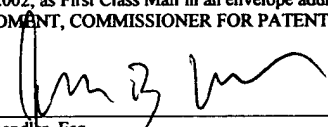
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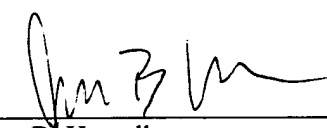
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A telephone conference was conducted on January 8, 2002 between applicants' attorney and Examiner Rao. During the telephone conference, Examiner Rao indicated that applicants' written Request For Interview, dated November 1, 2001, was fully responsive to the Office action of October-10, 2001, and no further submission was necessary. Examiner Rao also indicated that another Office action will issue in due course for the present application

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